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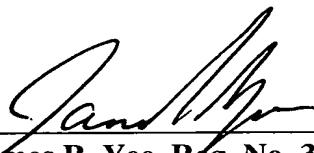
The present application was filed on November 11, 2001 with original claims 1-20. The claims were subject to a species restriction requirement. Specifically, the Examiner identified two species with reference to Figures 1 and 3, respectively.

Applicant hereby elects the first species, corresponding to Figure 1, without traverse. Claims 1-4, 11-14, and 20, are generic to the two species. The first species further includes claims 5-10.

Applicant respectfully assert that the claims remaining in consideration are patentable and request an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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